

IM-RMS General Information

The DWD/DHFS random moment sampling (RMS) for IM/W-2 began on January 6, 2003. Because of this, counties must report costs in two different ways.

- a) For reimbursement purposes, counties must report in CARS for Income Maintenance (IM) programs, as they have done in prior years.
- b) For federal reporting and revenue generation, counties must also report shared and direct costs to DWD and DHFS. Shared costs are distributed to funding sources based on the results of the random moment samples. This information will be used to support the claim of federal funds for appropriate programs. DHFS is currently using an ACCESS database, referred to as IM-RMS, to compile information for federal revenue claiming.

For 2005, reporting of expenses for reimbursement and direct expenses for federal claiming have been combined into a single submission. See the CARS Accounting Reports Manual, Chapter II for detailed reporting instructions.

It is very important for all counties to provide all required reports to ensure accurate payments and federal revenue calculation. Expenditure reports should be submitted monthly.

In addition to direct expenses, you must submit the DWD/DHFS Shared Cost Expenditure Report. This must be submitted to both DHFS and DWD via email. The most up-to-date version of this form can be accessed on the DWD CORE Homepage at <http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/dws/bds/core/>

Quarterly RMS statistics are applied to reported shared costs. Within a quarter, each month's shared costs are allocated separately but using the same quarterly statistics. These allocated expenses are then reported to counties on the DHFS Statistical Preprocessor Report of Detailed Allocations.

Direct expenditures are those that can be identified to a single program. Direct reported expenses will be processed on a monthly basis. Use Agency Type 24 for this reporting also. Please remember to report expenses only once for federal claiming purposes—either as direct or shared.

The profile structure used in IM-RMS is significantly different from the structure used for reimbursement. It is designed to capture the information now available under the RMS cost allocation methodology and to support the claiming of federal funds. Since IM-RMS is not used for reimbursement purposes, contract amounts are not loaded into IM-RMS. Because this information is no longer relevant, flow charts have been deleted from the on-line IM-RMS manual.

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